

IMPROVING SYSTEM.

Telephone Company Has Commenced Work of Bettering the Service at Norfolk.

A force of men started to work this morning at making some extensive improvements to the telephone system in Norfolk and when there work is completed the system here will be greatly superior to what it has been.

Three cables are to be used—one across Fourth street, one down to Fifth street and one south on Fourth street to the M. E. church. Wires to be used inside these limits will be dropped out of the cable at the corner of Main and Fourth streets.

The central office or operating room is to be moved back of its present location in the Cotton block to the room heretofore occupied by Dr. H. L. Scoggin, as a dental office.

The party lines will also be equipped for selective signals. A special apparatus will be used by means of which only the number wanted on the party line will be called. This will do away with all rings above two and only one and two-ring calls be used when the improvement is completed. All calls will be made from the central office and the operators will manipulate the special apparatus.

MONDAY MENTION.

J. D. Sturgeon made the round trip to Fender on Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. Gerecke of Stanton visited in the city on Saturday.

J. H. Brown of Wakefield was a city visitor Saturday evening.

Judge and Mrs. Powers were passengers for Omaha Saturday.

W. E. Spencer returned from a trip to Pierce on the early train today.

J. L. Shrimpton of North Bend is visiting a few days with C. C. Gow.

The Bachelor Girls club met with Miss Edith Parker Saturday evening.

Rev. Mr. Osborne of Creighton came in on the early train and left at noon for Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Madsen came up from Missouri Valley and spent Sunday with relatives.

Mrs. Thos. Simms of Edgewood, Iowa, arrived in the city today to visit with Mrs. John Krantz.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Cornelius, from Minier, Ill., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. S. L. Gardner.

Mr. Munson, who has been living on South Fifth street, is removing his family to Madison today.

Miss Rice of Neligh, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Frank McNeely, returned home yesterday.

Rev. J. C. S. Wells goes to Blair tomorrow to attend a convocation of Episcopal clergymen of Nebraska.

L. P. Pasewalk, assistant cashier of the Citizens National bank, returned Saturday from a business trip to Sioux City.

Rev. McCluney filled the pulpit at the Second Congregational church yesterday, in the absence of Rev. Jefferies, who is east on a visit.

The funeral services over the remains of the late Mr. Fischer were held yesterday afternoon from the Christ Lutheran church and interment took place in the cemetery of that church east of the city.

The F. E. & M. V. company put their bridge gang of 30 men to work Thursday on a new steel bridge across the Elkhorn river west of the Junction. Another steel bridge is to be built along the line east of here.

The little girl baby left on Thomas Duher's step Saturday morning was christened at 1 o'clock this afternoon by Father Walsh of the Sacred Heart church. She was given the name of Margaretta Sylvia Duher.

The work of laying the foundation for the new Bishop block was commenced this afternoon. Water for mixing the mortar is heated and the work will be pushed rapidly forward in spite of weather that is not altogether favorable.

Miss Mabel Inskeep entertained a company of six young lady friends at a theatre party Saturday afternoon during the matinee performance of the Mallory Theatre company when "Silver King" was presented. The party was also entertained at lunch with Miss Inskeep at 6 o'clock, after the matinee.

The light rain of Saturday evening was followed by a freezeup yesterday morning, and later in the day the earth was covered with a very light mantle of snow. As this country is seldom blessed with good sleighing, the conditions last evening were taken advantage of by a few enterprising young men who were out with sleighs, jingling bells and happy girls.

Papillion Times: The sugar beet crop that was raised in the eastern part of the county this year is now being harvested. About seventy acres were planted to beets last spring, and a fair crop of eight or nine tons per acre is the result. The beets are being shipped to factories at Ames and Norfolk. As the experiment proved a success this year, we may expect a large acreage to be planted in the county next spring.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Genung, Miss

Clara Bruggeman, Miss Bessie McFarland and Miss Lala. Squires urged this noon from Wayne where they went Saturday to attend a district rally of the Baptist young people's society. They report a very successful meeting and a good attendance of delegates. Mr. Genung addressed the rally yesterday at 3 o'clock on "Young Christians' Responsibility." The principal addresses of the session were Saturday night by J. Frank Carpenter of Omaha, chairman of the Baptist association, and President McClelland of the state organization of the B. Y. P. U.

J. W. Gibson's reputation as a poultry fancier is by no means local, nor is it confined to the state in which he makes his home, but his breeds are becoming familiar throughout the nation. He has been wonderfully successful in raising an extra fine quality of birds and this is responsible for his wide acquaintance among fanciers of the country. Today he shipped to Alameda, Cal., three coops containing 28 fowls of the white Plymouth Rock and white Wyandotte varieties. The express charges alone on the consignment amounted to \$30. He has heretofore shipped his poultry as far as that but this is the largest consignment he has ever sent at one time to that distance.

The annual crop of rumors regarding the Yankton, Norfolk and Southwestern railway is now ripe and ready for harvest. It wouldn't seem quite natural if at this season of the year there wasn't something said concerning this road which seems to be a most persistent dream. The following from the Pierce Call starts the thing afloat: "Elmer Sargent received a letter last week from W. W. Graham, of Norfolk, Ohio, in which that gentleman expresses himself as very hopeful of completing the Yankton and Norfolk railway next spring. The letter was written previous to election and stated that the project now in view was contingent on the election of McKinley, but if he was successful again he was pretty certain that he could secure money to complete the project. Now that McKinley is re-elected we expect to hear the 'toot, toot' before long."

CITY COUNCIL.

New Ordinance Regarding Sidewalks Was Adopted.

The city council met in special session this morning at nine o'clock for the purpose of considering and acting upon an ordinance fixing the width of sidewalks on Third and Fourth streets between Braasch and Madison avenues and the materials of which such sidewalks are to be constructed. The call was signed by Councilmen Bullock, Degner and Brummund.

There were present at the meeting Mayor Robertson, Councilmen Brummund, Bullock, Beck, Degner, Grant and Uhle. Absent Heckman and Spellman.

Ordinance No. 255, referring to the width of sidewalks and materials of which same shall be constructed on Third and Fourth streets between Braasch and Madison avenues, the full text of which is published in another column, was presented and passed the various readings under suspension of the rules and became a law with its publication.

The action on the ordinance was unanimous. The council adjourned after passing the ordinance.

Ordinance No. 255. An ordinance fixing the width of sidewalks and the material out of which same shall be constructed on Third and Fourth streets between Braasch and Madison avenues in city of Norfolk, Nebraska.

Be it ordained by the mayor and city council of the city of Norfolk, Nebraska, Section 1. That whenever any piece of sidewalk is built or replaced on Third or Fourth streets between Braasch and Madison avenues, in the city of Norfolk, Madison county, Nebraska, same shall be built of either two-inch plank stone, cement or brick and shall be eight feet wide. When built of plank 2x8 stringers shall be laid every two feet.

Section 2. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed as to said Third and Fourth streets between Braasch and Madison avenues.

This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved November 20, 1900.

W. M. ROBERTSON, Mayor.

Attest: S. R. McFarland, Clerk.

August Flower.

"It is a surprising fact," says Prof. Houston, "that in my travels in all parts of the world, for the last ten years, have met more people having used Green's August Flower than any other remedy, for dyspepsia, deranged liver and stomach, and for constipation. I find for tourists and salesmen, or for persons filling office positions, where headaches and general bad feelings from irregular habits exist, that Green's August Flower is a grand remedy. It does not injure the system by frequent use, and is excellent for sour stomachs and indigestion." Sample bottles free at A. K. Leonard's. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.

The complete service of "The Chicago Portland Special" via Union Pacific, enables passengers to reach the principal cities between the north and Pacific coast and Missouri river not only in the shortest possible space of time, but also in the most comfortable and enjoyable manner. The dining cars on this train are stocked with the best market affords. All meals served à la carte.

NEWS TWENTY YEARS AGO.

Story Told by a Journal Printed in 1880.

FEW OF OLD GUARD REMAIN

Facts and Fancies Culled from a Norfolk Paper of Ancient Date—The Account Shows that the City's Business Interests Have Undergone a Radical Change.

A copy of the Norfolk Journal of December 31, 1880—nearly 20 years ago—has been brought to the attention of THE NEWS. It contains many things of interest, as matters of history in the development of Norfolk. Its advertising columns show but few of the men in business now who were engaged then. C. F. W. Marquardt, "dealer in watches, clocks and jewelry," was then, as now, represented by an ad in L. Sessions, in addition to conducting an undertaking establishment, kept "parlor, chamber, dining and kitchen furniture;" Chas. Asmus was advertised as dealing in "groceries of all kinds" and is in the same business today; the name of J. Koenigstein was connected with the patent medicine "readers." These four are about all who remain of the "old guard" in Norfolk business life, as told by this ancient sheet. J. E. Olney & Co., established in 1809, are represented by an ad a column in length and three columns wide; McClary & Co., (S. W. Hayes and J. S. McClary) advertised a general merchandise store; A. P. Pilger dealt in hardware and agricultural implements; Pilger & Gerecke were proprietors of the lumber yard; A. H. Lovejoy & Co. handled hardware and also did tin and sheet iron work; C. P. Mathewson was the banker; Chas. Steinkraus dispensed wet goods; J. W. Fouts conducted the city bakery and restaurant, dealing in confectionery, tobacco, ice cream and oysters; A. R. Graham of Wisner and J. W. C. Jones handled real estate under the name of the Elkhorn Valley Real Estate agency. Mr. Jones handling the Norfolk end of the business. W. H. Leeman, J. W. C. Jones, Wm. T. Searles, and O. J. Frost, were represented as the legal fraternity with cards. The Norfolk house, F. Wagner, proprietor, advertised its lodging, meals and livery barn in connection. Wm. H. Lowe advertised as notary public, conveyancer and real estate agent. Ren. Reichardt, formerly clerk in U. S. land office, also sold real estate. O. Belknap did house and sign painting. Arthur Truesdell was a dealer in grain and coal. Wm. Warneke was the merchant tailor. Spencer Woodruff was proprietor of the City Barber rooms. The Norfolk billiard hall, with a supply of liquors, was owned by Alford Bigelow. Henry Pillar dealt in all kinds of furniture, attended to undertaking jobs and also advertised as contractor and builder. Lockner & Rudat advertised for grain and hogs. J. F. Flynn advertised brick for sale.

The paper was edited by Clarence Selah and that he didn't have things as comfortable as might be desired may be believed from the following item: "Sticking type in a room where the wind sweeps down your neck whistling a tune through the holes in your boots as it escapes, with fingers stiff, and Iowa coal to burn, may be the correct method of promoting religion, yet for the sake of the cause, we would dislike woefully to subject the most devout reverend to the test. If he couldn't find use for every adjective known to modern profanity in less time than it took to coin them, we would begin to have unqualified faith in the inspiration of that book called the Bible and the existence of a select heaven."

The Norfolk railroad situation was told in the following items taken from the Sioux City Journal: "The material for the forty-three miles of Norfolk track will begin to arrive directly after the holidays. Of this thirty miles of material will be sent to Keneas Junction, and in the spring be laid from the north end, and the other thirteen miles will be sent by the Sioux City & Pacific around to Norfolk, and put down from that direction. In all about 600 carloads of material will be used on the track."

This one is given with a short comment by Editor Selah: "The following words of 'consolation' are offered to Omaha, by the Sioux City Journal: 'The extension of the St. Paul and Sioux City line to Norfolk, the extension of the Ponca line northwesterly, the Omaha division of the same road, together with the extensions of the Sioux City & Pacific are giving north Nebraska its railroad system and fixing the channel of the trade to the Missouri at this point. Now that northern Nebraska is becoming worthy of notice by reason of its increasing population and augmenting wealth, Omaha looks over the borders of its corporation line enviously; but Sioux City has driven its stakes securely and laid well its iron rails. Omaha can go south.'"

Short items as follows appeared in the issue: "The Union Pacific train was snowed in Tuesday evening and did not arrive here until the following day." "The hot stove is the center of attraction now days, around which humanity circles affectionately." "We pity the poor. Us rich folks will do well enough."

"The grocery firm of Givens & Bainter has been dissolved. Mr. Bainter retiring."

"Hon. C. P. Mathewson will move into his new bank building tomorrow."

"Our former townsman, Major Mathewson, now of Pomfret Landing, Conn., is in Norfolk spending the holidays."

"Mr. Coon, father of Mrs. C. P. Mathewson, this place, was in town this week."

"Warren McClary came up from Fremont, where he has been attending school, last Friday to spend the holidays at home."

"Last Christmas morning a half dozen of Norfolk's male citizens were agreeably surprised by receiving through the mail handsome Christmas gifts in the shape of heavy gold rings with moss-agate from our generous and enterprising jeweler, C. F. W. Marquardt. Mr. Marquardt's generosity is commendable, and will not, we opine, soon be forgotten by those he remembered when they need anything in his line."

"Last week our readers were informed through the Journal that there would be no paper this week. Sorry to say, however, that we lied to them. It was in accordance with an agreement had with our contemporary that we decided not to issue. The agreement, however, was violated by him, (doubtless in the interest of our readers), and thus this number. Having been put to considerable extra trouble in consequence, we trust our readers may excuse the dorth of news this week."

TUESDAY TOPICS.

C. S. Hayes made a business trip west this morning.

George Williams was a passenger to St. Paul, Minn., yesterday on business.

Clyde Winterburn of Wayne visited at the home of A. P. Childs over Sunday.

District court is in session at Madison and a number of Norfolk lawyers are attending.

W. H. Lowe went to Madison this morning to appear as a witness before the district court.

Otto Gamme, a farmer whose home is near Pierce, was killed yesterday by falling from a load of hay and breaking his neck.

Invitations are out announcing the wedding of Julius Kell and Miss Mary Schimmelpfeng which is to be celebrated next Sunday.

Dr. P. H. Salter went to Pierce yesterday and performed a successful operation for appendicitis on the 3-years-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Sparr living west of that city.

Norfolk friends have received announcements of the death of Wm. M. Fuller which occurred on the 14th. He was the traveling representative of E. E. Bruce & Co. of Omaha, and visited Norfolk during many years past in the interests of that firm.

Mrs. Mary S. Harris returned to her home in Madison, after a week's visit at the home of Mrs. S. K. Long. Mrs. Harris is bright and active at 71 years; is one of the oldest settlers of this county, and is great grandmother to Judge Foster's little daughter Jane.

Geo. Wickman of Hadar nearly severed one of his feet yesterday while hewing a timber for a new barn which he was helping build. The ax he was using glanced off and struck Mr. Wickman's foot, with the above result. Dr. Frank Salter of this city dressed the wound.

The records received by Dr. P. H. Salter show that last October was the warmest month this state has experienced for 24 years. It is probable that it was the warmest month for many years previous to that time but the records were either not kept or do not show it.

The new ordinance passed by the city council this morning was adopted as a guide for the telephone company, which is putting in new poles and replacing others. The workmen had no way of knowing just where the poles should be set, as the sidewalks were not of a uniform width.

Elkhorn camp No. 27, I. O. O. F., held an enthusiastic meeting at the Odd Fellows hall last evening and elected officers for the ensuing term, commencing January 1, after which upon invitation of the retiring chief patriarch the body proceeded to Vail's restaurant and enjoyed an elegant oyster supper.

Postmaster Sprecher quite forcibly ejected a number of boys from the post office last evening. They were making a great deal more noise than was necessary without regard to previous warnings and Mr. Sprecher decided that a lesson would be of value in discouraging their noisy practice. He hopes that it will not be necessary to use this method hereafter and that the young men will preserve proper decorum.

Miss Anna S. Buzzell, a missionary lately returned from Japan, will address the people of Norfolk at the Baptist church next Sunday morning at 10:45, she will have with her a number of Japanese gods and other articles used by the Japanese in their worship, besides pictures and other things of interest. Everybody welcome. Miss Buzzell is a friend of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Adams and will be entertained at their home while in the city.

Asa K. Leonard and Col. E. H. Tracy returned last night from their trip to Ewing, enjoying some very successful

quail hunting on their way home. They took some cattle up to the ranch of A. J. Durland. The ranch is a very fine one of 3,500 acres and is located 16 miles south of Ewing. Harvey Smith, who at one time was hostler for Dr. Salter, is in charge of the ranch and lives all alone in a ten-room house on the property. There are cattle, horses and hogs to look after and he has little time to get lonesome.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

Knox Temple of Stanton is in the city greeting old friends.

Geo. F. Mead of Omaha was a Norfolk visitor over night.

A baby boy was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. P. Stafford, in the Heights.

Messrs. Mapes, Robertson and Tyler went to Madison today to attend district court.

A son was born yesterday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Klug of Edgewater Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pangle of South Second street are the parents of a son, born this morning.

Miss May Durland has gone to Plainview for a week's visit with relatives and friends.

T. F. Memminger of Madison came in last evening over the Union Pacific and went west this morning.

Herman Theile of Carroll, Iowa, has accepted a position as clerk in the Hayes jewelry and music house.

Judge-elect J. F. Boyd of Oakdale came in from Madison last night and left for home this morning.

E. M. Hoyer of Missouri Valley, Iowa, is in the city greeting friends and looking after business interests.

A number of sleighs were out yesterday, the occupants enjoying the first excuse for sleighing of the season.

F. J. Hale came in from Battle Creek yesterday morning and went to Grand Island to look after a carload of mules.

Thomas H. Tracy, formerly of this city now of the Milford soldiers' home, has been granted an increase in pension to \$24 a month.

A son was born on the 12th to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Persons of Pocahontas, Idaho. Mrs. Persons was formerly Miss Kate Horriksy of this city.

Dr. C. A. McKim went to Omaha yesterday to attend the joint meeting of the Iowa-Nebraska Veterinary Medical association. He expects to return tomorrow.

Sheriff Geo. W. Losey came in from Madison last night and went to Battle Creek this morning to subpoena witnesses to appear before the present term of district court.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Root, who have made Norfolk their home the past summer and fall with rooms at Mrs. Garlinger's, left today for St. Joe, Mo., to spend the winter.

A number of young friends surprised Miss Opal Madsen last evening on the occasion of her 15th birthday. An enjoyable time was spent at playing games and in other amusements.

The minimum temperature last night was one above zero according to the government thermometer. Some of the thermometers about town indicated a temperature below zero, one as low as four degrees.

A foot ball team has been organized by the pupils of the High school with John Wells as captain and John Bridge as manager. Up to date no engagement for a game with Pierce has been reported.

Work has been stopped on the Bishop block for a day or two on account of the severe weather. Some of the footings for the foundation walls have been successfully laid however. If the temperature continues to rise the work may be resumed tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Asmus have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Elsa Marie, and Ludwig Koenigstein, which is to take place Wednesday evening, December 5, at 8 o'clock. They will be at home in Norfolk after January 10.

It is rumored that Shurtz & Jenkins will occupy the entire lower floor of the new Bishop block with the Fair store. The ground floor will be in one large room, 75 by 80 feet. The cellar will be well finished and cemented, and an elevator will be used in conveying goods up and down.

The annual convocation of the Protestant Episcopal church, diocese of Nebraska, began in St. Mary's church at Blair last Monday and is to be in session until tomorrow. Rev. J. C. S. Weiles of this city is on the program for this morning for a discussion of the subject, "The Comprehensiveness of the Church."

The present term of the district court at Madison promises to be a short one. An ejection case is now on trial which has occupied most of today's session. Two of the jury cases are still on the assignment, one of which is the case of the state vs. Alyea, an assault case from Meadow Grove. The equity assignment will, doubtless, be reached Friday.

L. N. Loomis, who was elected a state senator from Jerauld county, South Dakota, and the republican ticket, is a brother of Mrs. J. W. Gibson of this city. The Alpena Journal says the

fight against Mr. Loomis was especially bitter, as he was one of the first men to denounce Senator Pettigrew. Notwithstanding this Mr. Loomis received the largest majority of any candidate for any office on either ticket, except one. It is the first time that county has been safely in the republican column for 13 years.

An Omaha Swede worked a neat trick on a druggist of that city recently. He took a two-gallon jug, containing a gallon of water into the pharmacy and ordered a gallon of alcohol. The clerk filled the order, but when it came to pay the Swede had no money. The clerk thereupon drew out a gallon of the mixture but enough of the alcohol remained to give the Swede's water an intoxicating quality and he took his jug home and proceeded to get full. The joke on the clerk was so good he had to return and twit him about it and the shrewd foreigner was thereupon arrested and fined a dollar for being drunk and disorderly.

The republicans of Lincoln have planned a monster ratification meeting to take place Saturday of this week. It is expected that all the state officers elect will be present and all the republicans of the state are invited to be present and participate "in a grand review of the noisiest and most joyful red fire ratification and illumination in the history of our city and state." Concluding its address the committee says: "As vim, vigor, victory was the inspiring motto of republicanism during the campaign, let the word on this occasion be 'Johnnie get your shot gun, your horn and whistle' and come November 24th, by foot, horse, or special train, as the ways will be kept open, and upon that date all roads will lead to Lincoln, the dome of whose capitol building will hereafter reflect the golden hue of the joyous night. Come, republicans, in fact come everyone, who, by the vote, voice, or sympathy, contributed to the grand result of November 6th. Special railroad rates made for this occasion."

A VERY CLOSE CALL.

A Gun Which Was Not Loaded Causes Consternation at the Turf Exchange Last Evening.

From Saturday's Daily: Rudy Blatt went out hunting yesterday and when he returned he dropped in at the Turf Exchange. He had a pump gun, which a bystander wanted to see. Before passing it over for inspection he removed the shells, or supposed he did, but in fact one shell was left in the gun. While the gun was being examined the shell was discharged, the shot plunging through the wall and dropping in the restaurant on the other side. Joe Bayse of Winside was almost within range of the gun and it is considered a miracle by those who saw the accident that he was not instantly killed. As it was, he was only frightened and that thoroughly, but probably not more so than Blatt himself, the accident making him sick. He passed the gun over to a friend and said he never wanted to see it again. This is one of the stories of the gun that was not loaded, which did not end fatally, although it was a very close call.

Help... Nature

Babies and children need proper food, rarely ever medicine. If they do not thrive on their food something is wrong. They need a little help to get their digestive machinery working properly.

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will generally correct this difficulty.

If you will put from one-fourth to half a teaspoonful in baby's bottle three or four times a day you will soon see a marked improvement. For larger children, from half to a teaspoonful, according to age, dissolved in their milk, if you so desire, will very soon show its great nourishing power. If the mother's milk does not nourish the baby, she needs the emulsion. It will show an effect at once both upon mother and child.

Sole and 100c. all druggists. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.